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Comment : Re: Low Power regulations - especially in NC mountains. (WPVM - Asheville, NC)

Commissioners:

As a two-decade resident of Asheville, NC, I was delighted to learn several years ago that MAIN, a community-based non-profit dedicated to bringing internet technology to the mountains, was signing on with a low-power FM station.

Much to my chagrin that station is so positioned and limited by LP restrictions that I'm only able to receive its signals when I drive downtown or am further south. (I live only four miles from downtown.)

I write to ask that the FCC revisit WPVM's area of coverage and approve its application for translator use; a decision that would open the entire city to WPVM's programming.

To state the obvious: Asheville and the Appalachian mountains are not to radio signals what Lawrence, KS or St. Louis, MO, and their surrounding terrain might be.

MAIN has made a significant contribution to the civic life of these mountains through its internet service, its website linking citizens to public agencies, local news and county services. WPVM represents an extension of its overall goals and mission.

An expansion of this station's power, coverage and location would be an important service to this community.

Thanks,

George Peery

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